## **DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents, that I, Martha B. Ross, of DeSoto County, Mississippi, have constituted and appointed and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint Bettye R. Holley as my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name, place and stead to ask, demand, sue for, collect and receive all sums of money, dividends, interest, payments on account of debts and legacies and all property now due or which may hereafter become due and owing to me, and give good and valid receipts and discharges for such payment; to sell, assign and transfer stocks and bonds and securities standing in my name and belonging to me; to buy and sell securities of all kinds in my name and for my account and at such prices as shall seem good to her to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver in my name all transfers and assignments of securities for such loans if in the judgment of my attorney such action should be necessary; to consent in my name to reorganizations and mergers, and to the exchange of securities for new securities; to manage real property, to sell, convey and mortgage realty, and to foreclose mortgages, and to take title of property in my name if she thinks proper, to execute, acknowledge and deliver deeds of real property, mortgages, releases, satisfactions and other instruments relating to realty, which she considers necessary; to place and effect insurance; to do business with banks and particularly to endorse all checks and drafts made payable to my order and collect the proceeds; to sign in my name checks on all accounts standing in my name, and to withdraw funds from said accounts, to open accounts in my name or her name as my attorney in fact; to make such payments and expenditures as may be necessary in connection with any of the foregoing matters or with the administration of my affairs; to retain counsel and attorneys on my behalf to appear for me in all actions and proceedings to which I may be a part in the Courts of Mississippi or any other state in the United States, or in the United States Courts, to commence actions and proceedings in my name if necessary; to sign and verify in my name all complaints, petitions, answers and other

pleadings of every description; to represent me in all income matters before all officers or the income tax bureau, to make and verify income tax returns, claims for refund, requests for extension of time, and consents in my name, to execute Petitions to the Board of tax appeals and to cause me to be represented in such proceedings hereby giving and granting to my said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever necessary to be done in the premises, as fully to all extents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorney may do pursuant to this power.

This Power of Attorney shall not be affected by the subsequent disability or incompetence of the principal. Mississippi Code Annotated §87-3-13, effective from after July 1, 1982, (Cumm. Supp. 1988).

WITNESS my signature this the day of August, 1996.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF DESOTO

My Commission Expires:

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, the undersigned authority in and for said county and state, the within named Martha B. Ross who acknowledged that she signed and delivered the above and foregoing Power of Attorney on the day and year therein mentioned as her free and voluntary act and deed and for the purposes therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and official seal of office, this the August, 1996.

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